RULE 116 AMENDMENT U.S. Appln. No. 10/070,556

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs), including Forms PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), were filed on August 4 and December 1, 2003. Applicants

respectfully request the return of initialed and signed copies of the submitted Forms.

Upon entry of the claim amendments, Claims 1-16 and 98 will be all the claims

pending in the application.

Applicants have canceled Claims 17-97 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Regarding Claim 1, it has been amended as recommend by the Examiner at page 4,

lines 9-15, of the final Office Action. Accordingly, no new matter has been added, and entry

and consideration of amended Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Amended Claim 1 is definite and renders moot the §112, second paragraph, rejection

of Claims 1-16.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and

such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may

be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested

to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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